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SUBJECT: UN/ OAU CONFERENCE IN OSLO

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BEGIN SUMMARY. THE UN/ OAU CONFERENCE MOVED INTO ITS COMMITTEE PHASE ON APRIL 10, FOLLOWING A FULL DAY ON THE 9 TH GIVEN OVER TO PUBLIC SPEECHES AND DISCUSSION OF ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS. THE DELEGATE- EXPERTS APPEAR TO HAVE SETTLED INTO A ROUTINE OF MORNING AND AFTERNOON COMMITTEE SESSIONS, OPEN AT LEAST TO THE PRESS, AND THE CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP, COMPOSED OF THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT (AMB AALGAARD), REPS OF THE UN, THE OAU, AND THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND A RAPPORTEUR, IS " GUIDING" THE CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES FROM BEHIND THE SCENES. SPEECHES THUS FAR ARE COVERING PREDICTABLE TERRAIN, AND WE ARE POUCHING COPIES OF TEXTS AS WE OBTAIN THEM, INCLUDING THE DRAFT TEXT OF U. S. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS' INTERVENTION SCHEDULED IN COMMITTEE I THIS AFTERNOON. OUR NORWEGIAN CONTACTS EXPRESS SATISFACTION WITH THE COURSE OF EVENTS THUS FAR, BUT THEY EXHIBIT A CERTAIN MEASURE OF ANXIETY ABOUT PRESSURE BUILDING AMONG THE AFRICANS TO MAKE MORE FORMAL THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED THE RECORD OF THE CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

1. IN ITS OPENING SESSION ON APRIL 9, THE UN/ OAU CONFERENCE ELECTED NORWEGIAN UN AMB AALGAARD CONFERENCE PRESIDENT, THE OAU' S MOHAMED SAHNOUN AS POLITICAL SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE, AGOSTINHO NETO, OF THE ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT (MPLA) AS CONFERENCE VICE PRESIDENT, AND MARCELINO DOS SANTOS OF THE MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION MOVEMENT (FRELIMO) AS CONFERENCE RAPPORTEUR. ALSO CHOSEN, AS OFFICERS, RESPECTIVELY, OF COMMITTEES I AND II, WERE: FREDERICK WILLS (GUYANA) AND SALIM A. SALIM (TANZANIA)-- CHAIRMAN-- AND SYED BARAKAT AHMAD (INDIA) AND ELENA GAVRILOVA (BULGARIA)-- RAPPORTEURS.

2. APART FROM THE WELCOMING ADDRESS DELIVERED BY THE NORWEGIAN FONMIN (REF A), THERE WERE FOUR KEYNOTE ADDRESSES ON THE OPENING DAY. I. S. DJERMAKOYE, REPRESENTING THE UN SYG, EMPHASIZED THAT ONE OF THE IMPORTANT TASKS BEFORE THE CONFERENCE WAS " TO DEFINE THE BEST MEANS OF ALLEVIATING THE SUFFERINGS OF THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES FORCED TO FLEE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE PAIN OF COLONIAL AND RACIST OPPRESSION AND ALSO OF PERMITTING THE POPULATIONS OF THE LIBERATED TERRITORIES TO TAKE UP THEIR DESTINY IN FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE." HE URGED CONSIDERATION OF TWO LEVELS OF PEACEFUL ACTION, ONE AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL, I. E . THE OAU, THE OTHER AT THE " INTERNATIONAL LEVEL," WITH SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FROM " ALL" GOVERNMENTS.

3. LABOR MINISTER A. JADIDI OF MOROCCO READ A MESSAGE FROM THE KING OF MOROCCO URGING THE PARTICIPANTS TO " ENLIGHTEN THE WORLD" ABOUT THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, TO " CONDEMN" APARTHEID AND COLONIALISM, AND TO APPEAL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AT LARGE TO SUPPORT THOSE STATES BORDERING " THE RACIST REGIMES."

4. OLIVER TAMBO, LEADER OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS WHO SPOKE ON BEHALF OF ALL THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, PRAISED THE NORWEGIAN GOVT FOR ITS CRITICISM OF PORTUGAL IN NATO, DEFINED " SUPPORT" TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AS " PRACTICAL MEASURES AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE," AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS SHOULD BE GRANTED " OBSERVER STATUS" AT THE UN HQS AND IN ALL UN AGENCIES.

5. AND VASCO CABRAL OF PAIGC TOLD THE DELEGATES THAT LARGE AREAS OF GUINEA- BISSAU HAD BEEN LIBERATED, THAT THESE AREAS HAVE HELD ELECTIONS, AND THAT WHEN THESE AREAS PROCLAIM THEIR DE JURE EXISTENCE AS A STATE LATER THIS YEAR, HE HOISS THAT ALL NATIONS WILL GRANT RECOGNITION.

6. THESE SPEAKERS WERE FOLLOWED BY FIVE " INTRODUCTORY" SPEECHES BY BABA HASSAN, FONMIN OF CHAD, KWAME BAAH, COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN GHANA, SALIM A. SALIM, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATIONGL EDWIN OGEBE OGBU, OF NIGERIA, CHAIRMAN OF THE UN COMMITTEE ON APARTHEID, AND PAUL LUSAKA, PRESIDENT OF THE UN COUNCIL ON NAMIBIA.

7. ON APRIL 10, THE CONFERENCE MOVED INTO ITS SEMI- PUBLIC COMMITTEE PHASE, COMMITTEE I DEALING BASICALLY WITH A REVIEW OF THE SITUATION AND A STATEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS AND COMMITTEE II DEALING WITH PROPOSALS FOR ACTION IN THE DIPLOMATIC, POLITICO- ECONOMIC, LEGAL, AND PUBLIC OPINION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FIELDS. AFTER SOME INITIAL ORGANIZATIONAL CONFUSION, THE COMMITTEES SEEM NOW TO HAVE SETTLED DOWN TO TWICE- DAILY SESSIONS, WITH SPEAKER AFTER SPEAKER DRONING ON BUT WITH LITTLE THUS FAR BY WAY OF INFORMAL EXCHANGE OR DISCUSSION. THE COMMITTEE SESSIONS ARE BEING REPORTED FULLY IN THE PRESS, AND TELEVISION REPORTS ARE BUSILY CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS IN THE ACORRIDORS, AS WELL AS FILMING EXTENSIVE COMMITTEE ROOM FOOTAGE FOR USE AS BACKGROUND DURING NIGHTLY REPORTAGE ON THE CONFERENCE. EVENTS ARE MOVING VERY SLOWLY, HOWEVER, AND WE UNDERSTAND THE PRESS IS A BIT RESTIVE THAT THE CONFERENCE MAY NOT PROVE TO BE MUCH OF A STORY AT ALL-- BEYOND THE FACT OF ITS CONVOCATION.

8. BEHIND THE SCENES, A " BUREAU", COMPOSED OF AALGARD,

SAHNOUN, DJERMAKOYE, DOS SANTOS, AND REPS OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND OF COMMITTEES I AND II, IS PLAYING A GUIDING ROLE, DEALING WITH DIFFICULTIES AS THEY ARISE AND PREPARING FOR THE SUMMING UP WHICH WILL BE NECESSARY AT THE END OF THE WEEK.

9. OUR NORWEGIAN CONTACTS EXPRESS GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE CONFERENCE TO DATE, BUT THEY APPEAR ANXIOUS ABOUT SUCH EFFORTS TO UNRAVEL ALL ADVANCE PLANNING AS THE PRESSURES NOW UNDERWAY IN BOTH COMMITTEES TO ACTUALLY HAVE THE COMMITTEES PRODUCE A " CONSENSUS." THEY ARE ALSO CONCERNED AT THE RATHER SLOW APPROACH OF THE COMMITTEES IN GETTING TO THE HEART OF THE SUBJECTS WITH WHICH THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO DEAL.

10. OF ALL THOSE WHO SPOKE ON THE OPENING DAY, ONLY ZANU LEADER HERBERT CHITEPO URGED CONSIDERATION OF OTHER THAN PEACEFUL SUPPORT TO THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. POINTING OUT THAT THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS ARE INVOLVED IN " ARMED STRUGGLE," CHITEPO SAID THEIR PRIORITY NEEDS ARE FOR WEAPONS. CROWE

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